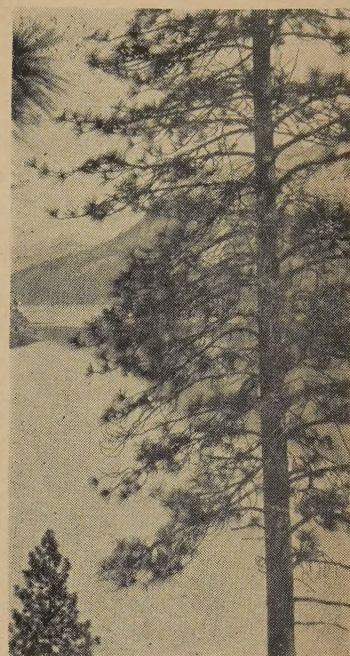


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GOD'S PROMISES

God has not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

God has not promised
Skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn paths,
Always for you.

But He has promised
Strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.



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A New World So Near

Men of science, with the probing of research, have reached into fields of knowledge that have remained unknown, so far as we know, through the centuries of human existence. New telescopes bring what might be thought to be the outer edges of the universe into the range of man's discovery. Laying hold of the laws of chemistry, man has formed new substances, and we find ourselves in the plastic age. New drugs to help in the fight against disease, new materials, new possibilities for convenience and comfort have appeared on the scene so frequently that the average person, the American at least, is not surprised at anything that is introduced to him. He is ahead of Aladdin, who had the lamp which needed only a rub to get the services of the genii to do his bidding. Modern man presses a button or turns a knob, and the genii of electricity, by tube or ray, is there to do for him what Aladdin could not conceive of requesting.

Though man has gone miles high into the stratosphere, and miles a minute in speed to cover great distances of the earth, he has not moved far in the other direction, to great depths below the surface of the earth or the surface of the sea. A little facetiously, we wonder if man now has reached a new low, or could it be a new high in depth?

Just a few miles off the California coast, Dr. Otis Barton, not many days ago, entered his 7000-pound benthoscope, a 5-foot steel ball, which was attached to a 3/4-inch cable, and started down—his goal, 6000 feet under the surface of the Pacific. Because of failure of the lights, he reached only 4500 feet, but that was a new world's record. It took a brave man to risk his life on the cable that could have been snapped by a jerk had the surface become roughened by wind or by the swells of the sea. Had that cable broken, there would have been no way whatever to recover the benthoscope; and had he been able to get out, it was locked from the outside, the pressure at such depths would have crushed him. He wanted to know what the depths held, and so after proper preparation, he went down to investigate. . . . And he found a new world.

At great depths, many of the creatures in the inky blackness of the sea carry their own lighting systems. Equipped for living where they are, these phos-

phorescent animals were at home in the cold darkness under great pressure. That marine life not very far from us, only a matter of a few miles, has been there all the time. What it is like has not been known because no one had gone down to find it.

This is also true of the spiritual realm. Maybe we do not have to go very far to find a new manner of life, similar life to that of the surface, but life adjusted to the pressures in which it finds itself. In the natural world, creatures meant for the depths cannot live on the surface, and creatures meant for the surface cannot live in the depths. In the spiritual realm, the Lord of life remakes His creatures. The Apostle Paul said, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Old things found on life's surface are passed away, and all things are become new for life in the depths.

In the depths we should find new vistas for the soul. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10). Possibly too often these words are thought of as a promise for the future, what God has prepared for the future for those that love Him. But from the general reference of the Epistle, we should take it as a reference to the means to appreciate what God has for the believer now, who accepts the work of the cross of Jesus and receives the ministry of the Holy Spirit in his heart and understanding.

In the natural world it is more difficult to go down than to rise to dizzy heights. May that not be a hint of the trend of things spiritual? The heights of blessing have their appeal, and with that we have no argument. But there is another direction, the depth of the quiet trust in the Christ who was crucified and the love of God Who in His wisdom gave His Son, and with Him promises "all things" (Rom. 8:32) that will keep the trusting soul in the spiritual strength to live victoriously in the faith of Jesus Christ.

The man in the benthoscope was taking a risk. He had to place his faith in his calculations and at last in the cable just over a half inch thick.

The man who would behold Jesus as the Lord of his life, will not be taking any risk when he finds himself in the depths of problems or of any other agent that would engulf him. It is there he can see the beauties of a new world of faith

and assurance. We do not need the Lord's guidance when we clearly see the way. We do not need hope for what we already have. We do not need faith for what we see. We do not need His peace when the waters of life are as calm as a lily pond. It is when we could be engulfed by circumstances and endangered by pressure that the cable of trust and faith in the captain of our salvation will prove its worth, and the wonders of the deep can be seen. Then the things He hath prepared to keep His trusting child come into view. M. M.

CHRIST'S CALL TO YOU

For the care of sheep Christ needs shepherds; for the ingathering of the harvest He needs reapers; for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel He needs missionaries. Christ needs you and me, because He chooses to employ means to ends. He does not will to do everything Himself, but to work in and then through people whom He qualifies. It is to be feared that the Master has a lot of poor material with which to work, but it is most wonderful how He uses it. The power of accomplishment is not in the human instrument but in the Divine Workman, yet His skill is revealed through the instrument. The twelve apostles were a queer lot, judged by human standards, but they out-loved, out-worked, and out-lived the might of Rome. —W. Graham Scroggie.

Building boys is better than mending men. —Spurgeon

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Faith's Perils

by Nelson E. Hinman

In the first epistle to Timothy, we find four word pictures of what happens to one who neglects his faith. Those four things are as follows: vain jangling (1:6), shipwreck (1:19), damnation (5:12), and many sorrows (6:10). Paul does not hesitate to so use these words even though they are strong and indicate things of serious consequence. The mere reading of these words should cause us to become concerned lest we too should become careless about our own faith and so turn to vain jangling, shipwreck, many sorrows and damnation at last.

In the first instance, in chapter one, verses 5 and 6, Paul tells Timothy that certain folk had turned aside to vain jangling because they had "swerved" from faith unfeigned. In the margin this word *swerved* is translated *not aiming at*. This word appears only three times in the entire New Testament and only in these epistles to Timothy, and in each case, when literally translated as *not aiming at*, it brings forth a most clear meaning. This is interesting, but in this study we only want to learn how these certain men permitted their faith to fail.

Notice that Paul says it was because they did not "aim at" faith. In this case these men were more interested in the presentation of the facts of the law than they were in presenting the spirit of the law. In their desire to be teachers, they let the letter of their message dominate their thinking and became so wrapped up in their work that they neglected their own personal experience. They needed to have the exhortation found in the fourth chapter of this Epistle, in the 16th verse, where Paul tells Timothy to take heed unto himself and to the doctrine. Note, heed both thyself and the doctrine. It is important to be doctrinally correct, but it is also necessary to be personally correct. These who had let their faith ebb so low they had turned to vain jangling had taken heed to their doctrine, but they had not taken heed to themselves. They had not watched over their own souls; they had not fed the inner man, and the result was inevitable. The inner man was starved. Faith grew weaker and weaker until finally the fires of faith were mere ashes. The form of religion was kept alive, but there was no inner reality. They had the message, but they had no life to go with it. And all this because they were not aiming at faith. Faith was not their goal.

Let this be a warning to each one of us. We are to "fight the good fight of faith." Above all, we are to take the shield of faith. So many are fighting the

good fight of doctrine and are trying to wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, without taking the shield of faith. Certainly it is important to be doctrinally correct, but we must not forget the words "*above all* taking the shield of faith." In other words, neighbor, while you are establishing yourself doctrinally, do not neglect your faith.

In the second instance where there was a failure of faith, Paul said that the people whose faith failed made shipwreck. And he states the reason for their breakdown of faith was that they had not kept their conscience clear: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck" (1:19). Friend, if you want to destroy your faith, then just permit your conscience to become dead. Overburden it by disobeying its urges. Harden it by continuing to stifle it, and soon its voice will be hushed until it will haunt you no more. It will lie dormant until you, sometime in desper-

ation, will find yourself in great need. Then you will rush to God for help. But instead of the calm assurance that God is hearing your prayer, that injured conscience will have a sort of resurrection and will rise to condemn you, thus blocking your access to God. That is the thought that lies deep in the center of 1 John 3:21—"Beloved if our hearts condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him."

In the matter of keeping our faith at a high level, it is important that we take the admonition Paul gives to Timothy in this 19th verse, as we hold faith, to be sure to keep a good conscience.

Some people have dulled their consciences by disobedience in the paying of their tithes to God or their debts to man. Others fail to assemble themselves with the people of God. But why go on trying to enumerate the things people can do that will harden their consciences? These things are as enumerable as the sand on the seashore. But let us keep our consciences clear. Let them not become dead. Ask God to quicken it; then keep it tender, and take heed that it always has watchful care as a tender plant, lest it wither and become toughened again.

This Earth of Ours

by Frank Isensee, Sr.

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."—Jer. 22:29.

A speck of dust in a universe of universes — this earth of ours. It whirls at the rate of more than one thousand miles per hour. It travels through space on a curved route at an unbelievable speed. It is placed in the heavens without a foundation; and it is filled with all manner of life, including man — of whom it is written, "As for man, his days are as grass" (Psalms 103:15), and "as the flower of the grass shall he pass away" (James 1:10). The question has long been, "What is it all about?"

There is only one key to that knowledge. That key is the Bible, which is God's holy Word. The answer to every question is found in this Book of books. Twenty-five hundred years before Columbus's discovery the Scriptures told that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22).

In Isaiah 14:27 we find that God has a purpose for all things, and he has a time limit set for all purposes (Ecc. 3:1). A great fallacy has a grip on the minds of many Bible readers. In the reading of the first of Genesis, they vision this earth as being approximately six thousand years old. Modern science and research definitely nullifies that belief. Recent excavations have unearthed countless

signs of life that existed untold millions of years ago. Cities, nations, and whole continents have been buried at one time. The whole world changed to such an extent that climatic conditions were altered suddenly. Fur-bearing animals were recently found buried in perpetual ice regions of the world. There are signs of a former glacial period in the tropics. These and many other recent findings go to show that something happened to this old world in the dim past.

The study of creation has been a stumbling block to many; even causing readers to doubt the authority of the rest of the Bible. The very first verse of the Bible tells us that God, in the *beginning*, created the heaven and the earth. To create a thing, it has to be made out of nothing. It is a certainty that God created a perfect earth — a finished product. It would not be a creation if not finished. But, in the very next verse, we read: "*And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*" Here we get a picture of a terrible state of affairs on the earth. We can be sure it was not void and dark and without form when God created it.

In that time between the first and second verses of first Genesis, something happened. According to 1 Corinthians

14:33, God is not the author of confusion, but He does confuse individuals and nations in one manner or another as a punishment after that individual or nation has been created (1 Cor. 1:18-19). The picture we get in the second verse of Genesis 1 is repeated in Jeremiah 4:23-26 with many more details. God, in His mysterious way, gave Jeremiah a vision of that world catastrophe as follows: "I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. . . I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and by his fierce anger." Notice carefully in those passages; they tell us that the mountains are moved. All birds and mankind disappeared. All cities broken down. All this was done by an angry God. But in the 27th verse we read: "yet will I not make a full end."

We learn in these passages that all cities and life disappeared from this earth and it shook itself out of shape so much that it was without form; nevertheless, God did not "make a full end." We have the picture here of this earth in space as a shapeless and lifeless planet after all the "cities had been broken down." How long that condition existed, no man knows. It could have been millions of years ago. In God's plan of eternity, time element is a small matter to Him.

In Genesis 1:2 we read that the earth was without form and void. Then in the following 27 verses we read the story of a perfected creation, brought about by God, the living Creator of all things. Light, water, dry land, vegetation, all manners of fish and fowls and animals were created.

Last, came man, whose origin has been the subject of much conjecture. It is so easy to understand man's advent if we just look to God for wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

Genesis 2:7 explains the origin of man. God formed man with dust from the ground, then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, "and man became a living soul."

In Genesis 2:21-22 we read of Eve's appearance on earth. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman and brought her unto the man." These passages surely are clear to the reader. They definitely settle the question of evolution once and for all for the believer. In Genesis 1:28, God tells Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and replenish

the earth. This passage verifies that part of Jeremiah's vision concerning the broken-down cities and the disappearance of man at some former time. To *replenish* is to refill something that has been emptied. God commanded Noah after the flood to do the very same thing. "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth" (Gen. 9:1).

We cannot use two different interpretations to similar passages. Since we know that people roamed the earth before Noah's time, we are safe to apply the same meaning to the word *replenish* concerning God's command to Adam.

In Jeremiah's vision we are told that

the cities were broken down in the fierce anger of the Lord. No doubt the cause was wickedness as in Noah's time, and likewise to be the cause of the coming world-wide judgments. According to Isaiah 45:19, God made the earth to be inhabited. And Isaiah 43:21 tells us that the people are put here to worship and pay homage to a living God. A time of punishment follows a continual disregard of God's commands.

To those who obey Him, however, is the following promise: "For God giveth to a man that is 'good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy'" (Ecc. 2:26).

"What Things Soever Ye Desire"

by J. Narver Gortner

The words have been preached on, and commented on, and frequently quoted, and emphasized in many different ways, — "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." The circumstances under which they were uttered, and He who uttered them, and the persons to whom they were spoken, are all worthy of consideration. Jesus was He who uttered them, and they were spoken to His disciples, not to the scribes and Pharisees, not to the rank and file of the people, but to those whom He had chosen from among the people, that they might be under His training, that they might witness His miracles, and attend to His teaching, and be prepared to propagate His gospel after His death and resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into heaven. A notable miracle had just been performed. The barren fig tree had had a malediction pronounced upon it because it was fruitless, "and in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which Thou cursedest, is withered away." It was then that Jesus said, "Have faith in God," and added, "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." And then He gave utterance to the remarkable text we are commenting on, — "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24.

Almost always, when this text is quoted, or preached upon, or otherwise introduced to our attention, it is done that the importance of faith may be em-

phasized. And that faith is important, so important that it is essential to salvation, essential to access to the throne of divine grace, essential to success in Christian effort, is most certainly true, for we are definitely told that "without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God *must* believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. But the object of this article is not to emphasize the importance of faith, important as faith is. The object of this article is to set forth a thought in connection with the words quoted that, perhaps, is not often entertained. It will be observed that Jesus made use of the word "desire," or, at least, the translators made use of it in expressing the meaning of the word Jesus used. And the purpose of this article is to emphasize the fact that, in order that we may get the things we ask for, when we pray, we must *desire* them.

It may be that the reader will say that we always desire the things we pray for. But do we? Let us stop and think. Is it not true that we often pray for things we do not really desire? It may be that we desire them, when in reality there are other things we more greatly desire. And we know, as we pray, that if we get the things we ask for, we cannot have the things we desire even more ardently than the things we are praying for.

This writer is quite convinced that very frequently what we call prayers are just speeches addressed to God, and composed of phrases that it may be we have heard others make use of, and that sound good to us. It is undoubtedly true that many prayers, especially those prayers that are delivered on public occasions, are intended for the ears of people rather than for the ears of God. I well remember how, on one occasion, in the days of my Methodist ministry, and just a short time before I received the bap-

tism in the Spirit, I was praying in the pulpit. It was the Sunday morning service, and I became quite absorbed in prayer. The anointing of the Spirit came upon me. My eyes were shut, and I was down on my knees, and my faith was laying hold of God for the blessing of the Lord upon the preacher who was about to preach, and upon the people to whom he was about to minister the Word of Life. Suddenly I saw in the distance a ball of fire coming toward me. In my imagination I can see it as I type these lines. It came nearer and nearer, and I seemed to know that it was aimed at my forehead. Then I gave utterance in my prayer to a sentence the grammatical construction of which was doubtful, and I wondered what the informed people of my congregation would think of it. The ball of fire disappeared. The service that morning was a good service, but just an ordinary service. The preacher got blessed a bit, and the people seemed to get a little blessing out of it, but nothing of an unusual nature happened. I was telling a brother about it years afterwards, and he said that was the way he received the baptism. He saw a ball of fire coming, and it came on, and on, and on, and struck his forehead, and burst into a thousand fragments, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. Perhaps the same thing would have happened to me that morning, in that Methodist pulpit, if I had not thought of that grammatical mistake, or that sentence the grammatical construction of which the devil told me was doubtful. I am not at all sure there was anything wrong with the sentence. But the devil did not want me to receive the baptism, and he was there to make the suggestion. My thought is that if I had just kept my mind on God, and it had not been on the congregation at all, the tempter could scarcely have assailed me in that manner. I wonder if many preachers, when praying in the pulpit, are not addressing their prayers to the people rather than to God, and wondering what the effect will be on the people rather than upon the Lord.

What is our dominant desire when we pray? Do we really *desire* the things we pray for? There is a way by which we can test ourselves, and ascertain the truth. For instance, we pray for missions, and for the missionaries. Do we really *desire* missions to succeed, and the missionaries to be cared for? If we do, we shall certainly give to missions, and the missionaries will get all the support we are able to give them. Do we pray for people who are in need? Do we ask that their needs may be supplied? If we really *desire* that their needs be supplied, and we are in a position to supply them, or to help in supplying them, we shall surely manifest that willingness by going to our storehouse, and

taking therefrom the things we can spare, and that they need. If the desire is a dominant desire, we shall even be willing to make sacrifices that it may be gratified. The things that we desire, if we really *desire* them, are the things that we bend our energies toward acquiring for ourselves, or bringing to pass in the lives and experiences of others. Somebody has pointed out the fact that the tendency of conditions, as God has made them to exist in the world, is to give to man the things he most ardently desires. Does he desire wealth? He is likely to become wealthy. Does he desire fame? He is likely to become famous. Does he desire to be useful to the world? He is likely to become useful. The tendency will be in the direction of his desires. He will make use of the opportunities that are afforded, and of the circumstances by which he is surrounded, or the environment in which he lives, in the achievement of his ambition.

So we see that a proper *desire* is very important. The Lord Jesus desired that the will of His Father be done. No person can read the New Testament and fail to see that this was the dominant desire of the Master. When He prayed that "this cup," the cup He had been appointed to drink, might pass from Him, He was very careful to add, "Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine be done." He was human, as you and I are human, and humanity shrinks from suffering, and our Lord was fully aware of what was before Him; and we see His human nature in evidence in His expressed desire to escape from that suffering, that shameful death, that He had come into the world to endure, and that He had told the disciples was just ahead. But He had another desire, and that other desire was a *dominant* desire, — He desired that the will of His Father might be done. His will was in perfect harmony with the will of the Father, and so He said, "Not My will, but Thine be done." And what He prayed for He got. What He desired above everything else was granted unto Him. The will of the Father was done. The Father strengthened Him, and He went courageously to the cross, and drank the cup to its bitter dregs. And it is undoubtedly true that He not only had peace, and courage, and strength, during those terrible hours of human anguish and suffering, but that He had joy, for we are told that "for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, and despised the shame." The Father gave Him joy by giving Him a vision of the many souls that through His death would be saved from the jaws of destruction, and of the glory that would be theirs, and His, throughout the countless ages of an unending future.

If we believe that God hears and answers prayer, — and unless we believe this, we might just as well not pray at all, — it is dominant desire that will move us

to pray. If we really desire something, and we believe that prayer will bring it to us, or will help us to get it, we shall certainly pray.

And he who prays the most successfully is not, necessarily, the man who prays the longest, or the most frequently, or the most eloquently, but he who, believing that God hears and answers prayer, desires the most earnestly, the most ardently, those things for which he prays. Earnestly desiring them, he will make use of any means God may place within his reach to acquire them or to bring them to pass. And let us not forget that, while God sometimes works in a supernatural manner, He generally works through natural laws and through human means. To ask God for things that God has placed the means of our acquiring within our reach is most certainly out of divine order. That which I desire for myself I shall certainly try to possess myself of, and that which I desire for others, if the desire is a dominant desire, I shall certainly do my best to secure for them. So we are led to see how faith and works go together, and, as James says, "by works is faith made perfect." James 2:22.

It is doubtless true that God, in order that we may be moved to pray as we should, sometimes lets us get into difficult places. Our desire then for deliverance is so great that we cry unto Him. Mark how frequently in Psalm 107 we read, "Then they cried unto the Lord *in their trouble*." Multitudes will not cry unto the Lord at all until they get into trouble. But *then* they pray! Doubtless God quite often lets people get into trouble, or causes them to get into trouble, in order that they may see their need of help, and cry unto the Lord. In trouble their dominant desire is for deliverance, or for comfort, or for strength to endure, and so they call upon the name of the Deliverer. Here are some verses by Sam Walter Foss, the author of "The House by the Side of the Road," that contain more truth than poetry:

"The proper way for a man to pray,"
Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,
"And the only proper attitude
Is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say the way to pray,"
Said Rev. Dr. Wise,
"Is standing straight with outstretched
arms,
And rapt and upturned eyes."

"Oh, no; no, no," said Elder Slow,
"Such posture is too proud:
A man should pray with eyes fast closed,
And head contritely bowed."

"It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front,
With both thumbs pointing toward the
ground,"
Said Rev. Dr. Blunt.

"Last year I fell in Hodgkin's well
Head first," said Cyrus Brown,
With both my heels a-sticking up,
My head a-pointing down;

And I made a prayer right then and there—
Best prayer I ever said,
The prayingest prayer I ever prayed,
A-standing on my head."

A bit amusing. But in the lines, whether they record fact or fiction, there is something for us to ponder over. The man was in trouble. His dominant desire at the moment was for deliverance, and so he prayed "the prayingest prayer" of all his life. And at the same time undoubtedly made use of all the means at his disposal to extricate himself from the predicament. And since he appears to

have lived to tell about his experience afterwards, it must be that his prayer was answered.

Let us not be hypocrites. God knows our hearts. Others may not, but He does. And when we pray we are not praying to men, but to God. Let us so shape our lives that our desires shall harmonize with the will of the Lord, and then let us pray for the things we desire, and we shall get them. "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He heareth us, and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." 1 John 5:14, 15. "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

The Fullness of Capacity

MANY view it as a severe strain upon our feeble nature when God demands all the affections of the heart, all the thoughts of the mind, all the sensibilities of the soul, and all the volitions of the strength. God not only demands that we be religious, but entirely religious; that we not only be holy, but universally holy; that we not only serve Him, but nobody and no thing except Him. This seems to be very exacting, and yet infinite mercy is expressed in this excessive demand.

The more completely we are devoted to Jesus in thought, word, and act, the easier that devotion becomes. A ship under full sail and speed can be steered and managed with twice the ease that one can under half speed. It is much easier to take a full breath than to take a short half breath. It is partial service that makes painful service; it is half devotion that makes hard devotion. David reached a point in his devotion to God when he arose at midnight to have a season of prayer and praise. The chariot wheels of his soul rolled forward more smoothly then than at any past period.

He who fashioned every atom and capability of our nature, knows that in order to render our service delightful and easy, He must in very kindness to us demand every capability of our being. But nothing can bring out the fullness of our capability except the being "filled with the Spirit." Inasmuch as God formed us for Himself, we never reach our true self till we are completely united to God. It is the fullness of the Spirit that brings out the full capabilities of the creature, and all the faculties and latent capacities of the soul are wondrously opened and intensified in Divine service. Our faculties, like the sails of a ship, need to be cleansed from

rust and mildew, then hoisted, unfurled and filled up to their measure with the gales of the Eternal Spirit.

Thousands of believers, who are truly the servants of God, are yet almost totally ignorant of their religious capabilities. Your capabilities for endurance, for faith, for vividness of spiritual understanding, for witnessing, for praying, for self-sacrifice, for intensity of love, for victory over trial, for courage and gentleness, for steady zeal and tireless work—you will never know, nor ever dream of your capabilities in these things till you are filled with the Spirit and continue to be filled up to your measure. When we are filled with the Spirit, we then have the capability to do or to bear anything that God wants us to.

What an enormous waste of capacity is lying unknown and idle in the church. Often the very things that Christians shrink from, saying they cannot do or suffer such things, are the very things they will gladly do and bear when under the mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit. We do not know the virtue of the soil, nor the latent seeds buried in it, except by the fiery baptism of summer sunshine.

Throughout the length of Christendom, you will hear ministers substituting culture for the Holy Spirit. On every hand you can hear this: "I am trying to educate my members to give money, trying to educate the people to pray in public or to testify, trying to educate the young converts to speak and work for Jesus, etc." What foolishness in God's eyes is this man-made wisdom.

If preachers who are vainly trying to educate their people into God's service would only lead them by faith into the baptism of the Spirit, they would see to their glad amazement that the

Holy Spirit would resurrect and inflame the latent capacities of the various church members more in one week than all their poor education could do in a lifetime. What would be thought of a farmer who should attempt by rake culture to cause the latent seed to sprout instead of giving it sunshine, and yet the man who tries to bring out the religious capacities of the soul by culture, instead of by the Holy Spirit, is just like such a farmer.

How many tame, dry, formal preachers there are in the land, who just barely creep along with dull sermons, little dry prayer meetings, no revivals under their ministry. Some cannot preach except they crawl on a manuscript. Others must have some elocutionist teach them how to talk for God. How the baptism of fire takes hold of the great deep of the soul and lifts it beyond crutches and babyhood. Many believers are like those Alps on whose northern slopes the sunshine has never fallen, and the deep ravines of whose natures have never known their possibilities of fruit.

To be filled with the Spirit, to be drinking every day deeper and yet deeper of the nature of God, this will purify, adorn and expand every God-given capability of man.

What unction in preaching, what sweetness of song, what glowing testimony, what fervency of prayer, what generosity of giving, what heavenly thinking, what patience in sorrow, what stretches of faith, what heroism of toil, what penetration of vision, what diligence of application are brought into exercise by the fullness of the Spirit! It brings the soul into the very California of religion, and brings every gold mine of capacity into the coin of service.

—Geo. D. Watson

THE PRUNING

It is the branch that bears the fruit

That feels the knife,

To prune it for a larger growth,

A fuller life;

Though every budding twig be lopped,

And every grace

Of swaying tendril, springing leaf,

Be lost a space.

Oh, thou whose life of joy seems reft,

Of beauty shorn;

Whose aspirations lie in dust,

All bruised and torn,

Rejoice, though each desire, each dream,

Each hope of thine

Shall fall and fade. It is the hand

Of Love Divine

That holds the knife, that cuts and breaks

With tenderest touch,

That thou whose life hast borne some fruit

May now bear much.

—Annie Johnson Flint.



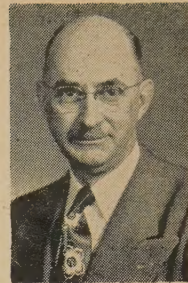
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MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

(To August 20, 1949)

Transferred INTO the District:

Kenneth R. Carney (Ordained) from Southern California.

Ruby A. Carney (Mrs. K. R.) (Ordained) from Southern California.

J. C. Snyder (Ordained) from West Central District.

Bertie Snyder (Mrs. J. C.) (Licensed) from West Central District.

Transferred OUT of the District:

H. L. Bayless (Ordained) to Okla.

Grace V. Badder (Ordained) to Ind.

M. E. Edmundson (Ordained) to Southern California.

W. A. McBride (Ordained) to Ore.

Elsie M. McBride (Mrs. W. A.) (Ordained) to Oregon.

Reinstated:

L. C. Persing.

Frank M. Silva.

Ordained July 6:

Harold B. Headrick.

Granted License July 6:

Lucille Headrick (Mrs. H. B.).

John O. Jorgensen.

Granted Exhorter's Permit July 6:

Roy B. Rosenquist.

Withdrew:

Cyrus A. Bush (Licensed).

Frances Ferguson (Ordained).

R. B. West (Licensed).

EQUIPMENT

Hudson Taylor thus sums up the missionary's equipment. Every minister of the gospel needs such:

A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.

A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.

Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances.

Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.

Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word.

A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

THE PERFECT PREACHER

He is never too long, either in his sermons or prayers. He never forgets anything he ought to remember, and he never remembers anything he ought to forget. He knows just when to speak and when to be silent. His laughter is always well timed, and his tears are always shed at the precise moment of psychological correctness. His sermons are always well prepared, well delivered, and appreciated. He is educated enough to be a college president, and unassuming enough for a humble beginner.

He never has any financial embarrassments, as he always manages to live comfortably on the smallest salary. He never quarrels, and yet he always is outspoken and courageous. He is at once an ideal visitor, and an ideal student. He is a real leader of Israel's hosts, and yet even his enemies speak well of him. His wife is absolutely without fault, and his children are just like her. His theology is old-fashioned enough to please the most conservative, and new-fangled enough to satisfy the most radical. There is never any difficulty in stationing him, as any appointment is glad to get him and he is always willing to sacrifice himself for the good of his brethren.

Unfortunately for us we have never met this brother. We have heard of him; we have listened wonderingly to the tales of his perfection and we have hoped to meet him; but always he has happened to move away or die just before we could meet him. But we are still looking for him, and when we find him we shall have no hesitation in letting our people know just where he lives.

But meanwhile, we have some thousands of good men in our ministry who are carrying on the work. They are not perfect, and they know it; and we know it. And yet it is surprising how great a work these men are doing. They have lots of faults, but more virtues; and they are honestly seeking to build up the kingdom of God. And it may be that of them we shall say by and by with great depth of sincerity, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

SCHEDULE OF

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

1—Fruitland, Manteca, Oakland (E. Oakland), Quincy

12—Lafayette, Lower Lake, San Francisco (Sunset)

19—Sausalito

20—Alturas

26—Biola

OCTOBER

3—Klamath, Oakland (Grace), Quincy, Stockton (Sargent Ave.)

10—Boonville, Half Moon Bay

17—Boyes Springs

18—Yreka

24—Gustine

If your congregation is looking for a perfect preacher, we don't want to discourage them; keep on looking; but take our advice and don't wait till you find him, but pick on some brother near by who has a score of faults, but who after all, is loyal to his Master and who will be loyal to you.

—Alabama Messenger

Secker's plan of constructing a sermon: First, explanation of that which is doctrinal.

Second, application of that which is practical.

The former is like cutting a garment out; the latter is like putting the garment on.

Make short prayers in public and long ones in private.

Make your testimony brief, full of meaning and to the point.

Hold on to God by faith instead of feeling. Feed on the promises and expect results in every meeting.

Make a list of the worst cases you know, beginning with yourself, and go to praying for them.

GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California

Fall Semester Begins

September 19, 1949

President's Column

Great are the blessings of camp meetings! This has been proven over and over again during the summer. The Christ's Ambassadors have enjoyed their share of camp life at several different locations. Camp Forward in the North Sacramento Valley section was first, with Brother J. E. Anderson as their speaker. Bethany Park near Santa Cruz was also well attended this year with over 230 in attendance. Several were saved or reclaimed, and about twelve were filled with the Holy Spirit in this camp. Up in the Redwood Section the C. A.'s have been given the first three days of a sectional camp meeting for their activities. We are happy to see the camps multiplying, and we trust that a camp will be accessible to every C. A. in our District by another year.

Mission-Aires: In answer to many who are asking about the Mission-Aires and when they are coming to our district we must say that they cannot be in Northern California until after the first of the year. This group of young men who are traveling in the interest of Speed-the-Light have been a great blessing to our churches in years gone by and have aided our Speed-the-Light giving in this District. We trust that each group will be faithful with your Speed-the-Light offerings regardless of this lack of stimulation for the time being. Send all such offerings directly to the C. A. Department, Springfield, Missouri.

R. C. FULMER
President and C. A. Editor
123 West St., Woodland

NORTH BAY NEWS

A spirit of revival and fellowship permeates the atmosphere of the North Bay C. A. rallies. As these C. A.'s join in the song service with all their enthusiasm and fervor, one can easily observe that these are Holy Ghost filled Christ's Ambassadors. We are happy to report that the rallies are very well attended and that in the last few rallies the buildings have been filled to capacity. We are striving to get 100 per cent attendance from the various C. A. groups. This has been achieved in some of the groups. An activity in which the C. A.'s participated was the Golden Gate Boat Ride. This was a time of recreation and fellowship in a Christ exalting atmosphere. Many expressed their pleasure for the ride and are anxiously looking forward to next year for another great C. A. day. We have recently elected a subdistrict C. A. secretary to serve with the sectional chairman. The banner point system has been altered so that both the large and small groups will have a better chance for winning the banner. A drive will soon be launched to furnish the benches for the Vesper Circle at Santa Cruz. Our group is united to see souls won for Christ. It is our desire to go forward until Christ does come.

KIRK SOPER,
Sectional Chairman

Christ's



MRS. F. C. WOODWORTH
Instructor at the the Bethany Park Youth Camp

Others will follow your footsteps easier than they will follow your advice.
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What the church needs is not a spurt but a spirit of evangelism.
* * *

Small, weak, defenseless animals live in shells — be natural.

FALL CONVENTION
November 11, 12, 13, Stockton



KEITH J. HILL
Secretary-Treasurer
2030 W Street, Sacramento



Above—Participants in a panel discussion in one of the morning sessions of the Youth Camp are Bill Nelson, Ina Rae Vancil, Mrs. Woodworth, Florence Devin and Steve Byrd.



Right— Wesley Steelberg, District vice-president, talks to vesper service in the Redwood Bowl.



The following groups sent contributions in July for the District C. A. office support:

Alameda	Oakland, Calvary
Alamo	Oroville
Atwater	Palo Alto
Auburn	Petaluma
Benicia	Pittsburg
Berkeley	Portola
Boyes Springs	Redwood City
Briceland	Reno
Burlingame	Richmond
Campbell	Riverbank
Corning	Rohnerville
Cotati	Roseville
Cupertino	Sacramento, Bethel
Daly City	Salida
Escalon	Salinas
Eureka	San Francisco,
Friant	Glad Tidings
Gridley	San Jose, Bethel
Gustine	San Jose, Calvary
Healdsburg	San Leandro
Highway City	South San Francisco
Hollister	Stirling City
Kerman	Stockton
Klamath	Sunnyvale
Las Vegas	Susanville
Lincoln	Tracy
Live Oak	Tulelake
Livingston	Tuolumne
Lodi	Turlock
Los Banos	Ukiah
Madera	Vallejo
Menlo Park	Walnut Creek
Modesto, Airport	Weed
Modesto, Bethel	Westwood
Modesto, 6th and G	Willits
North Sacramento	Woodland

WHAT IS FAITH

Faith is the eye by which we look to Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the hand with which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Savior's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And even then we may believe, when we are without the smallest portion of comfort; for our faith is not founded upon feelings, but upon the promise of God.

Faith is the foot by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.

—George Mueller.

Left—These are the young people and their leaders who attended Youth Camp.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Representative
1009 Fifth Street, Vallejo Phone 2-0521

REPORT OF THE . . .

Boys' and Girls' Camp

Boys and girls started coming in to the campground Sunday afternoon, July 24, until over 40 had arrived by that night. Plans had been made to take care of 300 in this first camp for our boys and girls.

REGISTRATION DAY

Registration day dawned. It was a beautiful day that the Lord had given us for the opening of the camp. Those who had come in Sunday were up bright and early in anticipation of what the day would hold for them.

The registrar made his way to the registration booth to get set for a full day of activities, and he was not disappointed. More boys and girls began coming in to register. About the time it looked as though there would be a breathing spell a bus would drive in, loaded to capacity with BOYS and GIRLS. Cars were coming from the various churches, also loaded with BOYS and GIRLS. Lunch time arrived and we began to realize that the camp was going to far exceed anything that we had even dared to hope for. The camp was a beehive of activity throughout the afternoon and by evening four hundred had registered.

FIRST SERVICE OF THE CAMP

Time for the first service of the camp arrived and the campers began streaming into the auditorium. Everyone was excited. The camp was actually beginning. Camp Evangelist J. Raymond Ton and his family had arrived from Southern California. Winston Nelson, the program director, was in charge of the service. God's blessing began to descend upon the service, and everyone in the building was made conscious of the presence of the Master. Brother Ton brought a marvelous message that touched the hearts of everyone. At the close of the service each counselor took his or her group to their tents where they had prayer before retiring.

TUESDAY MORNING

Reveille was to sound at 7:00 a. m., but that was needless as everyone in camp was already up. At 7:30 we beheld an impressive sight as the boys and girls, together with their counselors, gathered in a semicircle around the flag pole and stood at attention as the American and Christian flags were raised. The flags were saluted and with the closing of a song the boys made their way to the prayer room where J. R. Edgar led them



Boys and girls lined up at the camp office for registration.

in their morning devotions, while the girls went to the dining room with Mrs. J. R. Edgar in charge of their devotions.

CLASS TIME

Class time had arrived. Four classes were assembled with Robert Carrington teaching the Junior boys and Emmy Pearson teaching the Junior girls. Elwood Knutson was the teacher of the Intermediate boys and Mrs. Elwood Knutson taught the Intermediate girls. The main course of study was, "The Song of Life," which was a doctrinal course. A number of the counselors took charge of the story hour, which was the second class period.

RECREATION

2:00 p. m. arrived and every boy and girl enjoyed the next three hours to the full. Recreational Director J. Kirk Soper and his assistant, Eddie Washington, did a marvelous job in providing recreation for these 400 boys and girls.

EVENING RALLY

The Lord gave us the spiritual break that we were praying for when 27 boys and girls marched down to the front of the auditorium where they gave their hearts to the Lord. Their hands were raised in praise to Him as the assurance came that the Lord had forgiven and that now they were a part of the great family of God.

Wednesday evening several more were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual tide of the camp continued to rise, and Thursday night about 20 gave their hearts to the Lord and 14 Intermediates as well as a large number of Juniors received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. As near as we could ascertain 30 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and 60 were saved in the camp.

PARENTS' BANQUET

Friday evening was the parents' banquet. Approximately 160 parents and friends attended and then stayed for the closing rally.

CLOSING RALLY

Certificates of Award were presented to the boys and girls during the closing service and our camp evangelist then brought the closing message of the camp.



These are the boys and girls who attended camp. Over 400 were registered.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute

Early registrations at Glad Tidings indicate that enrollments for the 1949-1950 school year may exceed the all-time high of 225 established last year. By August fifteenth 114 old students had made application to return. This number includes 74 of last year's Freshmen who are returning as Juniors, and 40 who represent the Senior class of 1950. In addition to those who have already registered, some 25 old students have indicated their desire to return if they can find means of paying the tuition.

Forty-two new students have already been accepted, and twenty-two applications are now under consideration. New applications continue to come in in increasing numbers each day. It is expected that in the more than a month which remains before the opening of school at least fifty more will apply.

The 1949-50 faculty of G.T.B.I. numbers eleven in addition to the part time music teachers who will be employed.

The curriculum is arranged so that each of the teachers can teach subjects in the fields in which he is most prepared by virtue of experience or specialized study. All of them, however, are sharing in the teaching of Bible subjects which compose approximately two-thirds of the ministerial curriculum.

President O. W. Keyes will teach Acts and Church History in the Fall Semester. This will give him classroom contacts with the students in addition to the frequent conferences which he has with them as the chief administrator of the school.

Sister O. W. Keyes will teach Visual Aids, Story Telling and Week Day Bible Class methods.

Brother Willard Peirce will teach Romans and Galatians and Hermeneutics in addition to Sunday School Administration, Child Study and Adolescent Development — fields in which he has specialized.

Brother Mark Bell will remain as Director of the Christian Service Department of the school. In this capacity it will be his responsibility to organize student musical and evangelistic teams to minister in churches wherever their services are desired. In addition Brother Bell will supervise the music department of the school and will teach New Testa-

ment, Rudiments of Music and Conducting.

Brother Heicksen, in addition to his responsibilities as Registrar, will teach Isaiah, Jeremiah, Biblical Introduction and Typology. Also Brother Heicksen is introducing a new subject to the GTBI curriculum, one which has proved a blessing in others of our schools. He is teaching Biblical Archaeology, a subject which presents proofs from the explorations and excavations of Bible lands of the unerring accuracy of the Bible.

Brother Holdcroft will continue as Dean of Men, and will also continue to teach the great doctrines of the Bible, a field in which he has, for the past two years, proved his God-given talent. And he will continue Greek for those who wish to be able to read the New Testament in the language in which it was written. In addition he will teach Old Testament, one of the subjects which he taught in Western Bible College, and for which he has written a textbook which is used in several of our schools.

Dr. Lucena Turner will return to G.T.B.I. for her seventh year as Dean of Women. She will also teach Missionary Hygiene and a course in Home Nursing for the mission field.

Brother Leland R. Keys will share,

as he has done each year since coming to Glad Tidings, his knowledge gained from many years as a successful pastor. He will teach the Pastoral Theology class.

Brother Atwell will continue to practice his musical art on the student body as he directs the General Chorus. He has made it his ambition to produce the finest of music, sung in the power of the Spirit.

Brother Pickthorn will act under the President in the academic side of the school. He will also teach the epistle to the Hebrews, the Minor Prophets, Fundamentals of Assemblies of God doctrine, Sight Singing and Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers.

Brother Ernest Sjoberg, the only new member of the G.T.B.I. staff, will teach Personal Evangelism and all the classes in English. Brother Sjoberg is a graduate of North Central Bible Institute and has been active as a pastor in Washington. To prepare himself for a Bible School ministry he entered Whitworth College, where he graduated this year with a Major in English. He comes to us determined to help the students to learn to express themselves more freely in giving their testimony for Christ. Brother and Sister Sjoberg are moving to San Francisco the first of September. They will make their home in the Glad Tid-

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SAN JOSE AREA TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

SEPTEMBER 26 through October 7

7:45 p. m.

Bethel Church

224 Meridian Road

This training course is sponsored by the three churches of San Jose. All churches in the nearby area are urged to take advantage of this opportunity and bring your Sunday school officers, teachers and prospective teachers to this training course.

Instructor: L. W. Suter, District Representative

Plan to attend the . . .

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

of the National Sunday School Association

October 11, 12, 13

CIVIC AUDITORIUM, OAKLAND

There wasn't a boy or girl in the house that wanted it to close.

We appreciated the ministry of Brother Ton, who was used of the Lord in a marvelous way. We feel that he was sent to us for this camp by the Lord.

Folk are still talking of the wonderful camp that the Lord gave us. Plans are already being formulated for another camp next year should the Lord tarry.

BERKELEY — Evangelist Stanley Cooke began a revival campaign in the church on Allston Way near San Pablo Avenue on August 18 for two weeks of special meetings. The pastor is Eleanor M. Johnson.

BERKELEY (Portuguese Assembly) — Brother J. Irwin Rogers has come from Hanford to become the new pastor, succeeding Brother Mauel L. Camara. Brother and Sister Camara are leaving soon for Portugal with the expectation of being there for two or three years in the work of the Lord.

BOONVILLE — Pastor B. C. Finfrock reports: "We had a very good vacation Bible school with Margaret Bernhardt and Dorothy Phillips in June. We enrolled 49 children and had an average of 33 for the two weeks. Our Sunday school attendance averaged 52 through the month of June.

CALISTOGA — Pastor Myrtle Hynning reports that there were very good results from the meetings. Evangelists Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman held in her church the latter part of June. The attendance was good in those meetings as it was also in the services Sister Alta Fenton held there in July. In the last few weeks there have been six saved and five filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular services. The afternoon service of the Northbay fellowship meeting held there August 15 was missionary in character, with three missionary speakers. Claude O. Wood was the evening speaker.

CHICO — A farewell service was held for Pastor and Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson on August 14 as Brother Anderson terminated three years of ministry in the church there. Pastor Richard Orchard began his ministry in the church August 21.

CHOWCHILLA — Leonard Miller and George McQueen have been in evangelistic meetings with Pastor H. J. Hays since early August. The attendance and the response have been very good, a goodly number being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

CONCORD — Pastor Emil J. Naef reports that the Lord continues to bless the work in Concord, there being several filled with the Spirit in the regular services and a number have been saved. The present facilities will soon be enlarged to accommodate the growing Sunday school. The radio broadcasts have been a blessing to the listeners in the Mt. Diablo Valley.

COTATI — Brother Henry McMilin is the new pastor, successor to Brother W. J. Griggs, who is preparing to return to Brazil.

DALY CITY — The church has purchased a lot at the junction of Los Banos and Los Olivos Streets, one block west of Mission Street, on which it is making plans to build a new church. There were over 100 enrolled in the vacation Bible school conducted by Margaret Bernhardt and Betty Finfrock in August. The average attendance was between 60 and 70. The pastor is Melvin Steward, assisted by Calvin Zeissler.

News from . . .

Here and There

Albert J. Lebeck, Field Reporter

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2622 W Street

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Sacramento, Calif

DIXON — Brother L. A. Harris has resigned as pastor. The new pastor is Brother Stanley Walsh of San Leandro. This new church is growing and the Sunday school attendance has recently reached a new high.

DUNSMUIR — The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held in Dunsmuir August 16. The afternoon speakers were Brother Gastón and Brother Pagel of Central Valley. Brother Harold Headrick of Hawaii brought the evening message. The church just concluded an exceptionally fine Daily Vacation Bible school with Mr. and Mrs. Mario De Nicholas, recent graduates of G.T.B.I., as the directors. Hazel MacLeod is the pastor.

EL CERRITO — Evangelist Jack White was a visitor and supplied the pulpit for the regular services for a week in mid-August. The pastor is Leonard H. Rogers.

FALLON — Pastor Bradford Wilmoth reports that four were saved in a recent two-weeks campaign. Brother C. F. Wilhite held in Fallon. Evangelist Robert Pruett from Texas began a revival campaign there August 12.

FRIANT — Brother E. E. Bodenhofer has resigned as pastor. Since he started the church some two years ago, a church building and a five-room parsonage have been erected. The church attendance has been good and the Sunday school has had good growth. Brother Bodenhofer expects to be in evangelistic work this coming winter. The new pastor, Brother M. J. Curtis, who now leaves Clear Creek, will assume his duties in Friant September 1.

HOLLISTER — Brother M. P. Bohnet held a good campaign recently there. Marion Minogue and Glenora McMillan are the pastors.

LAKEPORT — The last two weeks in July a very successful Daily Vacation Bible school was conducted by Margaret Bernhardt, Betty Finfrock, and Olive May Fultz, all of G.T.B.I., reports Pastor S. S. Webster. He adds: "Cars brought in the children from both sides of the lake, and the attendance was a record. Boys and girls of the various Sunday schools attended, and we feel very much encouraged to go forth and reach others. The children wanted more, so we have started the Happy Time Bible Club every Friday morning until school starts." The congregation also enjoyed the visit and ministry of Brother and Sister R. M. Devin and family, who are missionaries to the East Indies, known as the Spice Islands. Sister Devin is a member of a Lakeport family.

MIDDLETOWN — Pastor Martin Engbretsen has resigned and has gone to the northern part of the state.

MODESTO (Bethel) — In seven recent weeks, there have been six missionaries there as guest speakers. The young ladies of the church have organized a missionary group and are making and repairing clothing and other articles for shipment to foreign mission fields. Brother Gaston was speaker for three services on a recent Sunday and showed his pictures of his trip to Europe. Many were refilled with the Spirit at the altars of consecration. The pastor is Donald G. Weston.

MONTAGUE — Pastor Doris Abbott reports: "We had a successful vacation Bible school here from July 11 to 22. The average attendance was 70, with the highest daily attendance of 82, and an enrollment of 90. This is an increase over last year's high of 56. Those assisting in the school were from or have been in G.T.B.I., Eugene and Beverly Lawrence, Betty Chang and Winona Tussey. A greater interest was shown by the townspeople this year, and it is felt that the D.V.B.S. was a real help to the work here." Rosemary Murphy is assistant pastor.

OAKDALE — A large crowd, including 25 ministers in the afternoon and 35 in the evening, attended the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there August 1. Pastor Dan Robinson of Salida and Pastor Eston Pack of Manteca were the speakers in the afternoon service. The evening speaker was Pastor Billy S. Parks of Galt. About 130 people enjoyed the fellowship dinner the ladies of the church served between the services. The pastor is E. L. Spilman.

OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle) — There have been good crowds and good response in the meetings the Hart Evangelistic Party have held for Pastor Cecil J. Lowry for the past eight weeks. The church has recently been presented, as a gift from one of its members, with a set of carillon bells. These will be heard for some distance over downtown Oakland as well as in the church building. An anniversary and mortgage burning celebration will be observed in special services October 3.

PITTSBURG — Evangelists Earl and Lola Davis and their daughter are conducting the services during the absence of Pastor and Mrs. H. T. Langley, who are away for a few weeks because of Brother Langley's health. The Mt. Diablo district fellowship meeting was held in Pittsburg, with H. T. Langley as host pastor, on August 8. Pastor L. L. Ferguson of Martinez was the evening speaker.

PITTSBURG (Bella Vista) — The Sunday school has enjoyed some growth as a result of a contest between the classes. The contest closed with an evening of fellow-

ship and banquet in the church basement. The pastor is George W. Clements.

RENO — Evangelist C. F. Wilhite recently held special meetings with Pastor H. W. Brown.

RIO DELL — R. B. West has resigned as pastor and terminated his ministry there the end of July.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) — During the absence of Pastor Nelson E. Hinman, his brother, Mark Hinman, supplied the pulpit for the two weeks the pastor was on vacation. The top story of the Sunday school annex is being completed so that in a short time several more Sunday school rooms will be available to accommodate the overcrowded school. Evangelist Glenn Horst began a revival campaign on August 21.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel) — Pastor Charles G. Weston reports good results attending the meetings Evangelists William and Dorothy Reed held in the Capp Street church from July 31 to August 21. The Reeds are from the State of Washington. Bethel church is now broadcasting every Sunday morning over K SAN, 1450 kc., from 8:30 to 9:00.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — A good number were filled with the Holy Spirit and there were some at the altar for salvation practically every service Evangelist Anna B. Lock held from July 17 to August 7. The pastor is L. R. Keys.

SAN JOSE (Bethel) — The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there August 8. After several of the ministers spoke as they felt so moved, the afternoon service ended with a general prayer meeting. Pastor Donald G. Weston of Modesto was the evening speaker. E. O. Robeck is the pastor of Bethel church.

SANTA CRUZ — The Pajaro Assembly of Watsonville joined with Glad Tidings Tabernacle for the two weeks Brother L. W. Suter conducted the "Training for Christian Service" course following the camp for boys and girls on the campground. Pastor R. P. Murray reports that the classes were well attended.

SAUSALITO — Pastor O. A. Robertson reports: "Evangelists Leonard Miller and George McQueen held a blessed revival service with us from July 17 to August 7. Six children, two teen-agers and four adults knelt at the altar for salvation, and several testified to being healed of ailments. We are praising God for a real stir among the saints, and we are trusting those who are waiting upon Him will soon be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

SEBASTOPOL — Evangelist Claude Wood held a short campaign with Pastor J. L. Jeffrey in August.

VALLEY SPRINGS — This church became affiliated with the General Council on July 2. The pastor is Homer A. Dickinson

WHEATLAND — Brother A. J. Schoonover has resigned as pastor.

WINTERS — Pastor E. E. Zimmerman reports: "The saints were revived and several new ones were brought in during the special meetings with Hans G. Beck from

July 26 to August 7. His paintings and his chalk talks were inspiring. On August 7 the Sunday school rewarded a nine-year-old girl for three years of perfect attendance, without a single absence. The reward was a large picture of Christ."

WOODLAND — The Capitol fellowship meeting was held there August 8, with a program for a full day. At 12 noon Pastor T. L. Mendenhall of Auburn was the moderator at a ministers' round table discussion. At the regular afternoon service, the new pastors in the section, Travis Baker of Placerville and Stanley Walsh of Dixon, were the speakers. From 6:30 to 7:30 there was a ministers' meeting, and Evangelist Charles Pepper was the speaker for the evening evangelistic service. The pastor in Woodland is Harold D. Byram.

WITH THE LORD

Early in the morning of August 11, at 2:20, Sister Gladys Pepper, wife of our brother Charles Pepper, slipped away into the presence of her Lord. Sister Pepper had been very ill for several months, and the end did not come as a surprise.

Besides her husband, Sister Pepper left a daughter, Bettie Mae, age 13. The funeral was held in the Full Gospel Church in Vallejo Friday morning, August 12 with Pastor J. L. Gerhart conducting the service. Brother Gaston also participated in the service, as did Brother William Savidge and Brother Thurmond.

Brother Pepper and Bettie Mae can be assured of the heartfelt sympathy of the fellowship and prayers that the Lord's sustaining grace shall be very real at this time.

Sister Pepper was not a member of our Ministers' Benevolent Fund.

MRS. MOUNT PASSES

After a brief illness, Mrs. Birdie S. Mount of St. Helena was called into the presence of her Lord the night of August 26. Sister Mount, who would have had her 71st birthday in November, was well known in the fellowship, having been supervisor of the dining hall at the St. Helena campground every year that camp meeting was held there. She will be remembered as the lady in white in charge of the crew that serviced the hall during and after meals.

All the years that the *Glad Tidings* was mailed from St. Helena, Sister Mount was a faithful volunteer member of the crew that wrapped the paper for mailing. Her good service in these district enterprises was and is deeply appreciated.

Besides her husband, A. R. Mount, the deceased leaves one son, Robert of Woodland, and a young granddaughter.

Pastor S. H. Robertson, together with Brother Thurmond, conducted the fu-

neral service held in St. Helena at the Morrison Funeral Home Monday, August 29. The remains were then shipped to Dunsmuir, where the family had lived for years, for burial the following day. M. T. Draper, former District Superintendent, officiated at the service in Dunsmuir.

Brother Mount and the family have our sincerest sympathy and prayers in their behalf in these hours of loss and readjustment.

PERSONAL MENTION

Due to the many delays in getting the proper authorization to enter the country and the uncertainty of how much longer it would take to secure visas, Brother C. F. WILHITE has revised his plans to go to South Africa and now expects to remain in this country and carry on his ministry in the homeland.

Brother E. J. CORNWALL, now pastor in Kennewick, Washington, reports that some 28 were saved and 23 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during a recent campaign with Brother and Sister W. R. LAMB.

Brother and Sister GEORGE W. PAYNE have been in evangelistic work in the Kentucky mountains this summer.

TO GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE SAN FRANCISCO

You are a beacon of golden light
In this city of evil as black as night;
You were builded in love at the Master's call,
Built on "the Rock" that never shall fall.
The Spirit directed the work that was done;
The Father approved as a gift to His Son.
The record's in heaven, and some day will tell
Of the great multitude that you rescued from hell.
The founders have gone to their blessed reward,
But your light still shines on in the truth of His Word.
Shine on, blessed beacon of eternal light,
With your lamps trimmed and burning in sin's darkest night.

—Evangelist Anna B. Lock,
August 9, 1949

WERE WED

On July 23 in the Oroville parsonage, Mrs. Pansy Owens and Brother Graves of Oroville were joined in matrimony. Pastor W. T. Scott officiated. Brother Graves is the father of Sister Scott.

The Hitchcock Sisters have a two-room apartment for rent for a Christian lady. The address is 2222 Eighty-ninth Avenue, Oakland. For further information call Miss Mary Hitchcock, SWEETWOOD 8-6017.

A switch in time saves crime.

Missions

PERU

The Feltons

(Brother and Sister Felton have written of their work with the Bible School in Lima, the capital city of Peru. Sister Felton, the former Olga Pitt, is a member of our District. The new term begins in September.)

Thousands of tracts, hundreds of gospel magazines, and many New Testaments, Bibles, and Gospel portions are being distributed and sold each month by our students. We have never seen such hungry hearers in Peru.

No doubt next year there will be 60 or more students. We are able to accept them at a cost of only \$5.00 a month or \$35 a year in spite of increasing living costs.

Graduates are now in important gospel work in pastoral or evangelistic ministries in every part of Peru where the Assemblies of God have stations or outstations. If it were not for these graduates our work would have been greatly crippled for lack of missionaries. One of our graduates who is now in Brazil has sent us a picture of a school which he has as well as a church. We trust others will go to the regions beyond. God has allowed us to see a rich harvest, but He desires a greater harvest.

Progress is being made on our Rimac church building program. All that can be done away from the building site is being done. Like the temple at Jerusalem, no sound of hammer has yet been heard, but all is being prepared according to the plan, either at the Institute or elsewhere. . . . We greatly appreciate the help so many have given through special offerings. We expect we shall have at least one third of the construction completed this year.

This is a day when there is great opportunity in Peru. While doors are closing in some countries we ought to increase our efforts where the doors re-

main open. One town in northern Peru is almost wholly converted to the gospel. However, there are hundreds of towns where there is yet no witness.

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FIJI ISLANDS

The Heetebrys

(From the capital city, Suva, Brother and Sister A. M. Heetebry write further of conditions there and of their work.)

We had over 58 inches of rain in the month of May, torrential downpours, as much as 14 inches in four hours. Another night we had 12 inches besides a very disturbing electrical storm. This should be our coolest season, but actually we are having some hot days when it is not raining. One can do little towards the building when it rains so much. And the King's Road, around the island, was blocked for weeks because of landslides and washouts; so we have been unable to do village work.

Last Saturday we were pleased to baptize a Solomon Islander from one of our substations. One could easily tell by the brightness of his face that Jesus was real to him. The Solomon Islands are nearly 1000 miles from Fiji. A Chinese convert is also ready for baptism. On the previous Saturday we had a very pretty Tongan wedding. One of these young people is related to the reigning queen of Tonga. The Tongan Islands are over 400 miles from Suva. Then, on Sunday morning a Samoan child was brought to be dedicated. Samoa is 600 miles away. So you can see how cosmopolitan our work continues to be and how we are having the joy of reaching nationals from all these far-flung island groups of the South Seas.

Where there is no sorrow for sin there will be much sorrow because of sin.

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Troubled waters cleanse the garment best.

THE CALL OF THE HEATHEN

From the land across the waters
Where the heathen souls are dying,
Comes a plea to every Christian,
Comes a cry with tears and sighing.
From the early dawn of morning
Through the weary hours of midday,
Till the shadows once more lengthen
And the evening hides the sunray,
Many hearts are sad and weary,
Bodies sick and minds tormented,
Racked by fear and superstition,
Pains and heartaches never ended.
Light and hope to them are strangers,
Peace and love they've never known;
Jesus Christ, the blessed Saviour,
Never once to them was shown.

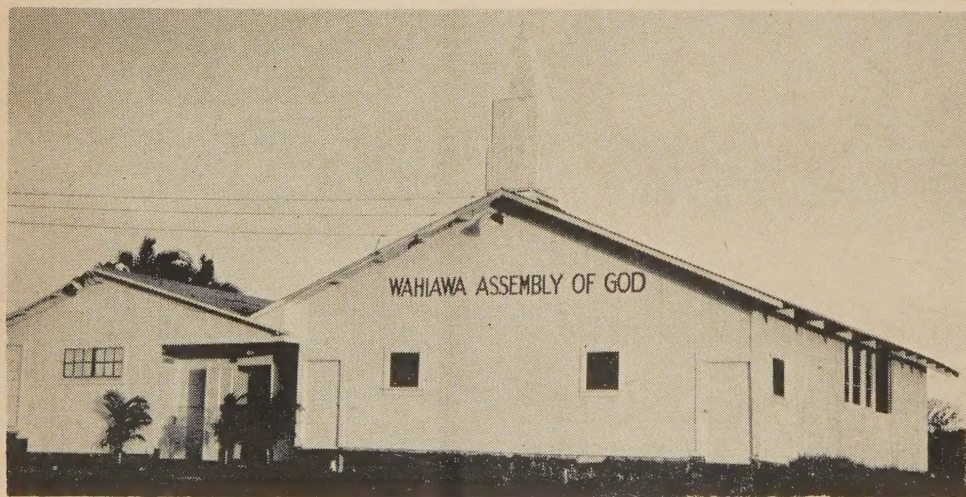
When you think of all your comfort,
Christian sister, Christian brother,
Are you touched with true compassion,
Is there love for any other
Than the ones around about you
And the ones within your household?
Will you give to lost and dying?
Will you pray them in the sheepfold?
You can bring them out of sorrow,
If their destitute condition
And the love of God the Father
Melt your heart with deep conviction.
Then you'll meet them in the Homeland,
Some from every tribe and nation;
You'll rejoice with joy eternal
That you helped with their salvation!

—Ruth S. Ford

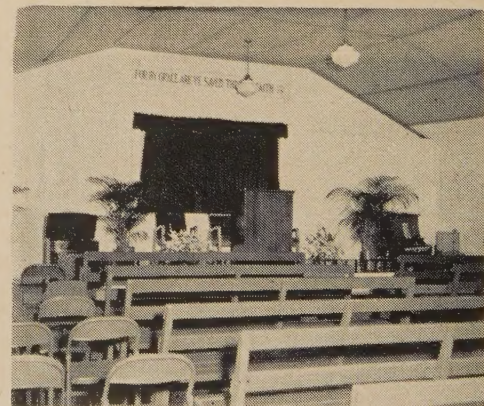
HE GIVES ME GRACE

My heart rejoices in God's will,
'Tis ever best—I do not doubt;
He may not give me what I want,
But gives me grace to do without.
I blindly asked for what I crave,
With haughty heart and will so stout;
He oft denies me what I seek
But gives me grace to do without.
He makes me love the way He leads
And fear is put to rout;
With my fondest wish denied,
He gives me grace to do without.
Oh, blessed, hallowed will of God,
To it I bow with heart devout;
He may not give me what I ask,
But gives me grace to do without.

—Author Unknown



The new church Brother Harold B. Headrick has opened on the island of Oahu, about 40 miles from Honolulu. The assembly has been moved six blocks to this new and better location.



The interior of the Wahiawa Assembly of God. The congregation and Sunday School are growing steadily.

UNKNOWN TREASURE

Gustaf Gillman, a Chicago lapidary, was at work in his shop, according to the narrative, when John Mihok, of Omaha, entered. Mihok, who was a laborer, drew out of his pocket a rough, red stone and handed it to Gillman. "I want you to cut and polish this," said Mihok. "Where did you get it?" gasped Gillman, as his eyes almost popped out of his head. "My father picked it up in Hungary fifty years ago," was the reply of Mihok. "He thought it was a pretty pebble. When I landed in this country, I found it in my valise. It has been lying around the house ever since. The children played with it. My last baby cut his teeth on it.

"One night I dreamed it was a diamond and worth a lot of money; but it's not a diamond. It's red." "No, it's a pigeon's blood ruby," said Gillman. "What might it be worth?" was the question of Mihok. "I'd say anywhere from \$100,000 to \$250,000," replied Gillman; and Mihok leaned against the door.

The big, rough stone, we are told, cut to a flawless ruby of twenty-three and nine-tenths carats. It is believed to be the largest ruby in the world.

How sad it is that in many homes the Book that is worth more than many jewels is neglected and considered of little value!

"THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH"

(Matthew 25:6)

Behold, our Bridegroom cometh
To catch away His Bride,
The very selfsame Jesus,
Who once was crucified.

O Church, will you be ready
To meet Him in the air?
Your Christ is coming for you
His Bride, all bright and fair.

O glorious day resplendent,
Our rapture very near;
Be watching, waiting, working,
O witness without fear.

With shout and blast of trumpet
Our Christ will come with power;
The day is drawing very near;
Christ may come any hour.

—Otis H. Green

Bible Institute

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ings extension dormitory on Van Ness Avenue.

President Keyes, reports that the anointing of the Lord has rested heavily upon the summer session classes now under way at the Bible School. The students who have remained over are rejoicing in the spiritual atmosphere. All are looking forward to September 19 the registration day for the fall term. Faculty and students alike are praying that it shall be one of the most blessed years in the history of our Pentecostal Bible school.

W. E. P.

W. M. C. News

The women who helped Brother Harold Headrick pack boxes from the things at camp will remember how excited he got over the lovely things for the parsonage in Wahiwa, Hawaii, and the used clothing and baby things to give out among the people there. The people will invite him in and will listen to the Gospel if he has something to give them. I know you will enjoy this thank-you letter just received by Sister Minogue from Sister Headrick.

"Received a letter from Brother Headrick yesterday telling about all the wonderful things you gave him for our work here. We surely praise the Lord for all you have done, and believe me your interest in our work is so encouraging. May God richly bless you for your kindness. We surely do miss Brother Headrick, but were glad he was able to be there for camp meeting. Brother Wayne (Conklin) visited the "Blood Camp" the other day, — a group of houses down by the river called Blood Camp because of all the knife-fights there. It is a small place, but he found 70 children there. There are two pineapple camps near us and we hope to bring folks from there in our Sunday School bus in another two weeks. A Puerto Rican couple were saved last Sunday night. They really had the joy of the Lord when they went home. They have four children and live in a very crowded section of Wahiwa. We have witnessed to many there, but these are the first in that section to be saved. Help us pray for a mighty moving of God here in Wahiwa!"

Gertrude Riecke, home missionary at Somes Bar, writes: "Saturday we received the lovely box and were so surprised and very happy. The quilt is lovely and we do need the bedding in the winter time and also when we have company. The pillow cases are so pretty. The baby clothes in the box have already filled a special need. We had twenty-five in Sunday school this morning and some of our faithful ones did not come. Sister Thurmond, what do churches do with their old song books when they buy new ones? We need song books. Used ones would be appreciated and we could pay the postage."

Among other letters received is a thank-you note from Sister Lewis of Ferndale which expresses the sentiments of all: "I was surprised and thrilled with the package that came from camp. I had been telling Sister Ingram that I was very short on bedding, when in a couple of days your package came. The pajamas just fit my little boy and was the very thing he needed most. I plan to send thank-you notes to the different groups who had a part in the box."

An all-day missionary rally was held at Palo Alto August 19 with Sister Ruth

On The Air

- KGO, 810 kc, 50,000 watts, San Francisco
Glad Tidings of the Air, Pastor L. R. Keys
Sunday, 10:30-11:00 p. m.
Music under direction of Gaylord Atwell
- KSAN, 1450 kc, San Francisco
Bethel Church, Pastor Charles G. Weston
Sunday 8:30 to 9:00 a. m.
- KWBR, 1310 kc, Richmond (direct from church)
Full Gospel Assembly, Pastor C. E. Persing
Sunday 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.
- KCRA, Sacramento, Bethel Temple, Pastor Nelson Hinman
9:30 a. m. — Monday through Friday "The Voice of Bethel."
- KXOA, Sacramento, Bethel Temple, Sunday, 5:00 p. m. "Sermons in Song."
- KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto (direct from church)
Bethel Full Gospel Church, Pastor D. G. Weston
Saturday 9:00 a. m. Devotional Hour
Saturday and Sunday 10:00 to 10:30 p. m. Organ Concert
- KHSL, 1290 kc, Chico (direct from church)
Assembly of God Church, Pastor E. Wm. Anderson
Sunday 6:00 p. m. "The Gospel Broadcast Hour"
- KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto
Escalon Assembly of God, Pastor Wesley P. Steelberg
Tuesday 9:00 a. m., "Escalon Echoes"
- KVBA, 1600 kc, Yuba City
Live Oak Assembly of God, Pastor B. H. Givens
Sunday 1:00 p. m. Young People's C. A. Group
- KRUZ, 1460 kc, Santa Cruz
Assembly of God, Pastor R. P. Murray
Sunday 5:30 to 6:00 p. m. "Music With a Message"
Saturday 9:45 to 10 a. m. Glad Tidings Male Quartet.
- KYOS, 1490 kc, and KVME-FM, 97.5 meg, Merced
R. E. Henke,
Sunday 7:15 a. m. Spanish program
- XVCV, 600 kc, Redding (direct from church)
Assembly of God, Pastor R. T. Doherty
Saturday 8:00 to 8:30 p. m. "Life and Light Broadcast"
- KIEM, 1480 kc, Eureka
Pentecostal Tabernacle, Pastor Clarence J. Larson
Saturday 10:20 p. m. "The Good News Program."
- KSRQ, 1350 kc, Santa Rosa
Sebastopol Assembly of God, Pastor J. L. Jeffrey
Sunday 8:00 to 8:30 a. m.
- KWBR, 1310 kc, Oakland
Hayward Bethel Church, Pastor E. G. Eskelin
Sunday 5:00 to 5:15 p. m.
- KDON, 1400 kc, Salinas
Calvary Evangelistic Church, Pastor J. R. Vest
Sunday 9 to 9:30 a. m. "The Voice of Calvary"
- KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto, KTRB-FM
Assembly of God, 6th and G Streets
Pastor Orville Painter
Sunday 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.
Thursday 9:00 to 9:15 a. m.
- KTRB, 860 kc, Modesto
Ceres Glad Tidings Church
Pastor Truman W. Carlton
Sunday 5:00 p. m.

Couchman as the guest missionary speaker. Sister Couchman was given a personal shower by the Peninsula district groups.

How happy we are that our efforts in the W.M.C. work can be a blessing and an encouragement. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them likewise." God bless you as you plan your fall meetings and district rallies and get your overseas Christmas boxes in the mail by October 15. All boxes of gifts for mission schools should be properly marked so there will be no duty at the other end.

Mrs. R. J. T.

God could have kept Daniel out of the lions' den — He could have kept Paul and Silas out of jail — He could have kept the three Hebrew children out of the fiery furnace — But God has never promised to keep us out of hard places, but He will go through every hard place with us.

Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Juvenile Delinquency

In the latter part of the 1930's, when you spoke of juvenile delinquency it meant youths from 16 to 18 years. Today, the police mean "kids," from seven to 15 years.

Not only has the age limit fallen, the type of crime has grown worse. Such wild and savage destruction, sadistic cruelty, vicious vandalism were unknown ten years ago. Something has happened and the police do not like the picture.

What alarms law-enforcement officials today is the savage type of destruction they face. When children go wrong, *they behave as if possessed.*

Children today are committing 56 per cent of all crimes.

Charles J. Dutton and authority on delinquency said in an issue of the *Readers Digest*:—"I faced one young desperado aged seven. He and others had stolen Government documents, which they destroyed, and committed 20 robberies. He stuck his tongue out at me and said: "You can't do anything with me, I'm under seven." I have seen others, guilty of a major crime, brag that it took the police five months to get them."

Million-Dollar Temple

Akron, Ohio has a brand new Baptist temple costing a million, featuring a baptismal setup with lilies over a waterfall, 96 loud speakers, diaper-changing and bottle-warming rooms for mothers with infants attending church, a 1500-car parking lot, and a system of lights that would do credit to a Broadway theatre.

It seems the pastor went to the architects and said, "I want you to draw plans for a temple half way between a church and a theatre, and you can throw in a little of the factory for size."

Dallas Franklin Billington, the pastor, preached his first real sermon before a dozen worshippers in a school gymnasium, and the collection totaled just \$1.18. After 14 years of ministering to an Akron, Ohio, Baptist congregation, it has grown to 9,000, and in April of 1949 he opened his brand-new million-dollar temple. During dedicatory service 38,000 prayed there. Into the collection plates of 80 ushers went \$15,000.

The first-day crowd alone would have overflowed most churches. Lined between the 8-foot aisles of the 172-foot auditorium and balcony there are 4,000 pew seats. The temple's 41,860 square feet of floor space affords room for 10,000 people. The temple's \$32,000 am-

plification system, which takes a three-man control crew, brought the sounds of the service to "babyland." Ninety-six loudspeakers carry the sermon to every part of the building and to the relatively small, two-story church, 100 feet away, where the congregation had met for the past 11 years.

Despite the to-do, serious-faced Dr. Billington remains modest. He turned down his congregation's offer, last year, of a \$15,000 salary, accepted \$7,500 and used only \$5,300. His home is the same 6-room white frame house where he has lived with his wife and 22-year-old preacher son Charles since before the dream of the new temple, and he doesn't intend to change. In the social rooms "no dancing, no smoking, no cards," is a strict rule.

"Try Religion"

After trying oyster suppers, strawberry festivals, a donkey party, box socials, and a lawn fete to raise church funds, a congregation once went to Editor Horace Greeley for advice about what to try next "to keep the struggling church from disbanding."

Greeley's reply: "Try religion."

Mohammedan Mosque Being Built in California

It is believed that the first Mohammedan mosque ever to be erected in the United States is nearing completion in Sacramento. Its cost is \$50,000. It is being built by resident of the Sacramento Valley who came to the United States from Pakistan, and will accommodate more than 1,000 people.

California Crime Conditions

Richard McGee, director of Department of Corrections, stated at a recent meeting of the Sacramento Optimist Club that there are:

600,000 arrests in California in one year, that is those whose names appear on the police blotter and that 300,000 of these are from drunkenness.

100,000 felonies. Serious enough to be sent to prison, 14,000 of which were given final convictions, and half of these were out on probation.

There are over 11,000 in state prisons alone, not counting those who are in the county, city, or federal prisons.

There are between 70,000 and 80,000 under restraint, that is — in prisons of county and city, parole, probation, or under supervision.

There are 2,500 in San Quentin under the age of 25.

Crime costs California over \$48,000,000 a year.

GRACE SUFFICIENT

I thought I had the victory,
I prayed so hard and long—
Till here came Mrs. Gadabout
To check my lovely song.
Then Mrs. Longtongue soon arrived
To make me sad and blue—
Of all the little nagging things
To keep me in a stew

The preacher didn't notice me,
And a lot of other folk
With heads so high just passed me by
And never even spoke.
The whole world seemed against me,
My heart so bruised and hurt—
I ate "cold shoulder" for a week
And "back bone" for dessert.

It's really quite enough, my friend,
To be swallowed by a whale,
With no power to guide the rudder
Amid some fearful gale;
But when a thousand little tadpoles
Come nagging at your frame,
To tell the truth, the most of us
Just lose out in the game.

But still there's grace sufficient
To really take us through;
We have His precious promises,
And every one is true;
For every cloud, remember,
Has a silver lining;
Turn those storm clouds inside out,
You'll find the sun still shining.

—Lillie Buffum

WARFARE FOR SIN

Christian, never take hold of sin, except with a gauntlet on your hand; never go to it with the kid-glove of friendship; never talk delicately of it; but always hate it in every shape. If it comes to thee as a little fox, take heed of it, for it will spoil the grapes. Whether it bounds towards you as a roaring lion, seeking whom it may devour, or makes advances in an attractive form, with graceful mien, seeking by a pretended affection to entice you into sin—beware; for its hug is death, and its clasp destruction. Sin of every kind thou art to war with—of lip, of hand, of heart. However gilded with profit; however varnished with the seemliness of morality; however complimented by the great, or however popular with the multitude, thou art to hate sin everywhere, in all its disguises, at every time, and in every place. Not one sin is to be spared, but against the whole is to be proclaimed an utter and entire war of extermination.—C. H. Spurgeon

According to a Sacramento paper, the capitol city of California made 98,000 arrests in the year of 1948, which is a number approaching four-fifths of the city's total population. Traffic violators, of course are prime offenders. Drunkenness comes next with 12,739 offenders, and vagrancy 9,913.